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Subject: Re: Honolulu High Capacity Transit Project PA

You should have the APE determination letter. It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data. (Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, "Scandal in Bohemia")

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"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."--Albert Schweitzer

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Subject: Honolulu High Capacity Transit Project PA

Hello Pua and Nancy,

Good afternoon. I have not been in touch for a few weeks and I wanted to update you on the status of our environmental and cultural review of the project. As I have mentioned before, various reviewers at headquarters and our regional office are providing comments on the administrative draft of the final EIS. We anticipate being able to complete the review of the final EIS shortly.

Before we publish the FEIS, we would like to have an executed programmatic agreement included as an appendix. We have been corresponding with the National Park Service on some of their questions and comments related to the PA and Section 4(f) chapter. At the NPS suggestion, we recently got in touch with the OIBC regarding their position that they would not sign on to the programmatic agreement as a concurring party. After exchanging a few emails, it became apparent that further discussion would not be a beneficial use of the OIBC's or FTA's time. Even though it has been apparent that was the case in the media, the emails confirmed positions. I provided an update on the project and said that I would honor their request to send out a copy of the current draft programmatic agreement.

The only change that I have made since you have seen the PA last is that the NPS has 60 days rather than 30 days to review HABS documentations. There is still some formatting that needs to take place.

We have heard that your office has informally indicated to Faith that you would concur soon on FTA determinations of eligibility for the properties adjacent to the airport. Do you know when we would receive a formal letter?

And lastly, in your email response to the City's email you indicated that you thought there may be additional questions that would need to be responded to. In effort to respond to your comment, I sent out FTA's responses to the National Park Service comments/questions. Did that respond to your email or are there additional questions or reason for a meeting?

Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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